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In re application of : **Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE**  
Kenji TAGAWA et al. : **Confirmation No. 7272**  
Serial No. 10/644,756 : [Group Art Unit 2644  
Filed August 21, 2003 : Examiner Laura A. Grier]

SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD,  
APPARATUS FOR RECORDING DATA  
ONTO THE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY  
CARD, AND APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING  
DATA OF THE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice Regarding Drawings was received in the above-identified application. The Notice indicated that Figures 16-18 were objected to for including characters that are not in the English language.

The Applicants note that the drawings have been repeatedly accepted by the Examiner. For instance, the Examiner indicated in item 10 of the Office Action Summary form attached to the August 2, 2004 Office Action that the drawings filed with the application on August 21, 2003 were accepted. Similarly, the Examiner indicated in item 3 on the Notice of Allowability attached to the May 24, 2005 Notice of Allowance that the drawings filed on August 21, 2003 were accepted. A courtesy copy of the Office Action Summary form and the Notice of Allowability are submitted herewith. This is the first time during the pendency of this application that Figures 16-18 have been objected to.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the drawings is improper for the following reasons. As described, for example, beginning at line 15 on page 2 of the substitute

specification, an object of the present invention is to provide a semiconductor memory card which enables a recording/reproducing apparatus to display character information in the semiconductor memory card whether the recording/reproducing apparatus can display only hankaku katakana characters and alphanumerics or can further display hiragana and Chinese characters. In other words, an important aspect of the present invention is to be able to display hiragana and katakana (Japanese alphabet) characters in the hankaku and zenkaku formats and to display kanji (Chinese) characters on a display unit of the semiconductor memory card.

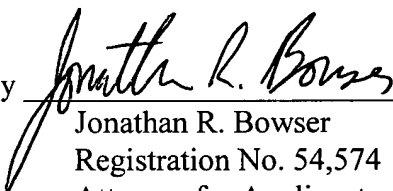
Figures 16-18 illustrate examples of characters that can be illustrated on a display unit or a displayed play list according to the present invention. Therefore, the characters illustrated in Figures 16-18, even though they are not English characters, are necessary for understanding the present invention.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Figures 16-18 be withdrawn due to the fact that the characters illustrated in these drawings are examples of the types of characters that the present invention can display.

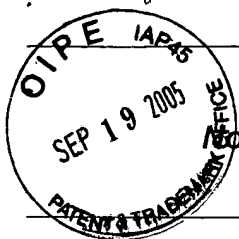
Having fully and completely replied to the Notice Regarding Drawings, the Applicants respectfully request the present application to promptly issue as a United States patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/644,756

Examiner

Laura A. Grier

Applicant(s)

TAGAWA ET AL.

Art Unit

2644

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Remarks - 4/15/05.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16 and 18.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

i. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

ii. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

iii. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

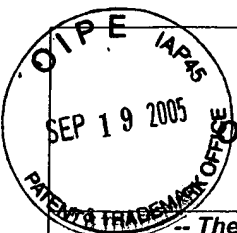
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

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- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.
- 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-15 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
  - Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
  - Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
      - 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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